FOR REGIONAL KENDRAS

The royalty rates for telecast of feature films from various Doordarshan Kendras are as under:

Category of films	Delhi & linked transmitters	Bombay Calcutta Hydrabad Madras & Bangalore (with their linked trans-mitters)	Ahmedabad Bangalore Cuttack Jalandhar Lucknow Trivandrum	Guwahati Srinagar
A	1,30,000/-	65,000/-	52,000/-	32,500/-
B+	1,00,000/-	50,000/-	40,000/-	25-000/-
B	70,000/-	35,000/-	28,000/-	17,500/-

SATELLITE REGIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE (SRLS)

Grade 'A' films	Rs. 35,000/-
Grade 'B+' films	Rs. 30,000/-
Grade 'B' films	Rs. 25,000/-

(i) First repeat : 30% less Black & White : 25% less
(ii) Second repeat : 50% less

Talk Showt oo Television

5340. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING M pleased to itate:

-m (a) whether some joint venture agreement between Multimedia Enterprises and Modi Enterprises has been signed to produce American style talk shows for Indian Television market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such programme will affect the Indian Culture in any way;

(d) if so, the action to be taken in this regard;

„ (e) whether Indian viewer* will be benefited with American style talk shows;' and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government does not have any information in this regard.

(b) to (f) Do not.arise.

Serials Telecast oa Doordarafaaa

5341. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleated to state:

(a) whether it it fact that in recent months there has been an increase in the number of serials telecast on the two channels of Doordarshan;

(b) whether it it alto a fact that a number of these serials glamourise antisocial and criminal activities and portray women in negative roles; and

(c) if to, what step Government intend to take to curtail such a negative representation of women in the name of entertainment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. 6INGH DEO): (a) Yet, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Correspondence of MPs with Ministry

5342. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledge out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As many as 2891 letters were received from Members of Parliament during the period 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995.

(b) 2677 letters were acknowledged and the rest were processed for final reply expeditiously.

(c) Final replies in respect of 1312 letters have been sent.

(d) Of the total number of 1312 letters replied to during the period, 565 letters were positive and 729 are negative. Two letters were transferred to Ministry of Human Resource Development for further processing and 16 letters were not required to be replied.

Representation for Setting up of Low Power Transmitters at Baaot

5343. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1995 and state:.

(a) whether any representation has been received from residents of Bitot and nearby villages regarding the setting up of VLPT at Basot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any delay in the supply of equipments and other infrastructure! facilities for setting up VLPT there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a suitable site for the VLPT has been provided by the State Government authorities; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the source of funds required for the purpose of setting up of VLPT at Basot in Almora district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from various quarters from time to time for setting up of TV transmitter at Basot in Uttar Pradesh. The requisite details are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) to (0 Whereas equipment for the VLPT at Basot in Almora district has been supplied, the site identified for the TV transmitter at Basot has not been handed over to Doordarshan by the State Government so far. Adequate funds are available to implement the scheme.